

FutureChurch 2025 Mary Magdalene Celebration “Women Speaking Truth to Power”

As a part of our 2025 Mary Magdalene celebration, participants were guided through a meditation to listen to the Spirit speaking within them. At the conclusion of the meditation we offered these prompts for writing, drawing, reflecting:

If I could speak my truth without fear, I would say...

The power I most need to confront is...

This is what my truth looks like..

My form of truth-telling is...

When I imagine justice, it feels like...

Listed below are some of the responses that were shared in the chat:

I cannot and I will not be silent in the face of government or church power.

Patient Persistence

Courage and conviction

Courage!

Healing

Melt ICE

Choose love. Love hard. Love unconditionally. God is Love.

I would dance

Authority

Common good, general welfare of all

LOVE IS THE ANSWER!!!!

Don't let fear paralyze you

Children, cared for, confident, trusting, happy

Open to what and who God puts in my path

Profession of true faith

When I imagine justice, it feels like love & freedom

Rooted.

Delight and playful, joy

I was among Palestinians for three weeks. I must tell their story. I invited church leaders, none of them came. . . I will keep saying I must tell the stories.

I speak my truth to power through the creative expression of writing. I write letters to my diocesan bishop, enjoining him to stand in solidarity with the poor and the vulnerable.

What a Spirit-filled program!!! Surely Mary Magdalene is smiling upon all who have given voice in any way today to the truth, as well as all viewers who earnestly seek truth.

Personal God

To me justice looks like immigrants & refugees being given a chance & to being seen as our fellow human beings!

The need for affirmation by those close to me

I may have enough love that no one will die of the cold.

Hope and courage against hatred and indifference

STAY! Don't walk away. Hold the paradox.

What would it take for women of faith in Richwood, Louisiana to minister unto the 700 women held in the immigrant detention center?

Prayers, words, actions - aligned with God's values, Jesus' mission, Mary Magdalene, Sister Thea Bowman, Archbishop Romero - and all the courageous saints

I envisioned a tornado filled with hearts. A whirlwind of change spreading 

My form of truth telling is writing from a deep well...my lived experience, faith, and intellect converge at the base of the well.

We shall overcome . . .

If I could speak the truth without fear I would tell all the US Bishops they betrayed truth & humanity when they did not speak out to correct the dehumanizing lies about immigrants & to protest the political candidates who promised the immoral mass deportations!

It is essential that women's wisdom be heard & recognised as we grapple with the multiple crises we face as a human race